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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7141

BILL NUMBER: HB 1882

DATE PREPARED: Feb 28, 2001

BILL AMENDED: Feb 27, 2001

SUBJECT: Actions for Recovery of Delinquent Utility Bills.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
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 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill provides that an action by a public or municipally owned utility, other than a telecommunications utility, to recover payment of a delinquent utility bill must be commenced within four years after the latest date of utility service covered by the bill. The bill prohibits a public or municipally owned utility, other than a telecommunications utility, from denying or disconnecting a customer's utility service on the ground that the customer has an outstanding or delinquent bill for utility service provided more than four years earlier. The bill provides that an action by a telecommunications utility to recover payment of a delinquent bill must be commenced within six years after the latest date of telecommunications service covered by the bill. The bill prohibits a telecommunications utility from denying or disconnecting a customer's telecommunications service on the ground that the customer has an outstanding or delinquent bill for telecommunications service provided more than six years earlier.

Effective Date: July 1, 2001.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues: *Municipally Owned Utilities:* This bill could have a minor impact on the revenues of municipally owned utilities in so far as they would not be able to recover utility bills which have been past due for over four years.

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Municipally Owned Utilities; Courts.

Information Sources: